

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR-17, PANCHKULA-134109

Order

The 6th June, 2011

No. SEC/3E-II/2011/1303.—Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under Section 62 of that Act and rules made there under for use of Identity Cards for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and

2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Cards to electors bearing their photographs at the expense of the Government; and

3. Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Cards under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electoral Identity Cards at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electoral Identity Cards may result in the denial of permission to vote; and

4. Whereas, free and fair elections not only require that the elector should be free to exercise their votes in favour of the candidates of their choice according to their own free will, but also make it a pre-condition for a clean election so that the genuine voters exercise their franchise and their right to vote is not defeated by unscrupulous and anti-social elements by resorting to impersonation or through bogus voting; and

5. Whereas, although, the right to vote arises by the existence of name in the electoral roll, it is the use of Electoral Photo Identity Cards for Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections where provided by the Election Commission; and

6. Whereas, the Election Commission of India has issued directions that all electors in the State of Haryana who have been issued with their Electoral Photo Identity Cards, shall have to produce these Cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling stations for voting at the General Elections to the Member of Parliament and Member of Haryana Legislative Assembly; and

7. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant and the legal and factual position, in exercise of powers vested in it under Article 243K(1) of the Constitution of India read with Section 212 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, directs that all electors of Panchayati Raj Institutions who have been issued the Electoral Photo Identity Cards for Assembly and Lok Sabha Elections and the Electoral Photo Identity Card numbers have been mentioned in case of the Panchayat Voters list also, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling stations for voting at the Bye election of Panchayati Raj Institution elections, the polling for which is scheduled to take place on 19th June, 2011.

8. If any elector has not been issued Electoral Photo Identity Cards by the Election Commission of India, he/she will have to produce anyone out of the following documentary evidence to establish his/her identity:—

- (i) Passport
- (ii) Driving License,
- (iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card,

- (iv) Service Identity Card issued to employees by Central/State Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or other public Limited Company,
- (v) Pass Book of accounts, having photograph, opened in a scheduled bank or post office,
- (vi) Freedom Fighter Identity Card having photograph,
- (vii) SC/ST/OBC certificate having photograph, issued by Competent Authority,
- (viii) Certificate of Physical Handicap having photograph issued by the Competent Authority,
- (ix) Arms License having photograph,
- (x) Job Cards with photograph issued under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme,
- (xi) Property documents with photographs such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc,
- (xii) Pension Documents such as Ex-Servicemen Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, Ex-Servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificate, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order, with photograph,
- (xiii) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Cards with photograph,
- (xiv) Ration Cards or any other similar documents establishing the identity of the electors to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer, having photograph.

In case of an odd elector, who does not have any of the above cards would be allowed to vote, if he/she is able to establish his/her identity to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer and such other Polling Officer authorized by the Presiding Officer in this behalf.

By Order

(Sd.)...

Panchkula :

Secretary

The 3rd June, 2011

State Election Commission, Haryana.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR-17, PANCHKULA 134109

Order

The 6th June, 2011

Subject : Restriction on use of vehicles on poll day for the Panchayat Bye Election, 2011.

No. SEC/3E-II/2011/1305.—The State Election Commission, Haryana has issued Election Programme for the Panchayat Bye Elections *vide* its Notifications No. SEC/3E-11/2011/1284, dated 3rd June, 2011, according to which the poll shall take place on 19th June, 2011.

2. In the interest of preserving the fairness of election process and rendering the same reflective of true choice of the people, the State Election Commission has issued instructions and directions on various aspects. The Commission has particularly been concerned about the increasingly vitiating role of criminality and muscle power at elections and has been directing the taking of a number of measures for ensuring peaceful, free and fair poll.

3. One of the ways in which the voter sought to be wooed is by providing him the "facility of free transport" on the day of poll.

4. The State Election Commission further observes that during the hour/period of election, private vehicles are used by the candidates, their agents and supporters for carting the supporters of a candidate within the wards and on many occasions the anti-social elements with muscle power are openly paraded to create a sense of fear in the minds of the voters, so that they either vote in favour of a particular candidate or abstain from voting altogether. These vehicles are also used some times to smuggle arms and ammunition with a view to create disturbances during the elections.

5. In order to curb such undesirable and illegal activities, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243K(1) of the Constitution of India read with Section 212 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby imposes restriction to hire or procure not more than 2 vehicles or vessels whether on payment or otherwise for use by a contesting candidate himself or his agents or his supporters on the day of poll during the Panchayat General/Bye Election.

6. The State Election Commission further directs that the expression "Vehicle" means any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of road transport whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, and whether used for drawing other vehicle or otherwise.

7. The State Election Commission further directs that the contesting candidates should be issued permits as per proforma prescribed by the Commission appended herewith. The permits should be issued to the contesting candidates atleast 2 days before the day of poll.

8. The State Election Commission further directs that the District Administration shall keep a close watch on the vehicles used by persons accompanying the contesting candidates and their supporters for any possible mischief, including criminal activities like carrying of illegal arms and weapons. If any of these vehicles, either of a contesting candidate or a private owner, is found to be involved in any such act or for carting anti-social elements with a view to intimidating or creating terror in the minds of the voters, it should be the duty of the local administration to impound such vehicles and not to release them till the process of elections is completed. In addition, accordingly action against the owner, the occupant/occupants and the candidate who is involved in such illegal activities shall also be taken as per law.

9. To ensure free, fair and peaceful elections, the District Administration shall launch a drive for checking the vehicles immediately upon the announcement of the elections and shall continue the drive till the completion of the process of elections.

10. A copy of this order shall be made available to the local units of all recognized National/State Political Parties in the State of Haryana immediately and to each contesting candidates, or an agent authorized by him.

By Order

(Sd.)..,

Panchkula :

Secretary,

The 3rd June, 2011

State Election Commission, Haryana.

PROFORMA

PANCHAYAT BYE ELECTIONS JUNE, 2011

Permit No. _____

Zila Parishad/Panchayat Samiti/Gram Panchayat _____

Name of Candidate _____

Ward No. _____ Vehicle Number _____

Returning Officer (P)

Seal.